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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 30, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are requested. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on October 30, 2003, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two (2) months and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office or the extension fee is deficient, this should be considered to be an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 13 of this paper.